

I wish to express my opposition to the ARRL proposal RM-11306 as it is written. I have not agreed with the changes that reduce the CW requirements for a license. And I believe this most recent proposal would further diminish that mode of communications.

I also fear automatic, or unattended digital operations in any part of the HF bands would be a mistake. I think the sub bands are still necessary, and offer greater protection to emergency communications.

I would like to see more interest in experimentation, and building, rather than promoting the concept that purchasing a station is the best way to get on the air. It is much more meaningful to build something yourself, even though it may be less sophisticated than the commercial counterpart. I have noticed that many of the hams that are building, experimenting, and can actually fix the equipment they use, operate AM. Laugh if you wish, but it's a start to bigger and better things. And once infected with those basic concepts I would fully expect the young folks will move to more complex systems!!!

Very Sincerely,

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